

# The Great Lakes

# ALWAY

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## WAVES INITIATE WEEKLY DRILL

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### VIVE "THE CHICAGO"

Celebrating the successful completion of Chicago's bond drive to raise funds for the new USS CHICAGO, an all-Navy program was staged in Chicago, March 30. Admiral John Downes spoke and a model of the cruiser was christened.

Great Lakes WAVES were represented by five girls---Beatrice Parsons SK3c, Maxine West Y3c, Betty Bourn Y3c, Ann Stifter SK3c and LaVina Fowell Y2c who participated in the parade. They were accompanied to Chicago by Lt. (jg) Nancy Forsman and Ensign Miriam Fullbright

A series of WAVES DRILLS, comparable in a degree to the Officers Drill held on the Station, will be inaugurated next week by the District Training Division.

The first of the series of eight will be conducted April 8, from 1640-1740 in the auditorium of Building # 3.

An All-Wave activity, the drills are designed to review and re-emphasize fundamentals of indoctrination as well as to aid WAVES in keeping up-to-date on current Navy news, activities of war fronts and Navy leaders.

Attendance for all enlisted WAVES is compulsory, and all WR officers are urged to attend.

The Drills are under the supervision of the District Training Officer, Captain Heslar, and his WR assistant, Lt.(jg) I. L. Harris. An Advisory Council, composed of six WR officers, will approve each Drill program. Five enlisted WAVES have been chosen as representatives, and are invited to make suggestions.

Each drill will open with a five-minute sing conducted by  
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WAVES DRILL (continued)

K. Schultz, J. Mulligan, and I. Schafer. The program for the opening session will feature an address by Captain Lofquist, a discussion on "Saluting and Military Bearing", and a movie.

Enlisted WAVES unable to attend because they are on duty are requested to call Miss Cruise in the Enlisted Personnel Office.

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SEND-OFF

Fifty Great Lakes WAVES entrained for Chicago on March 24 to participate in a giant send-off for some 500 recruits leaving for indoctrination at Hunter College, New York.

After dinner (via paper bag) on the Special 1140 Skokie, the group assembled at the Board of Trade Building, starting point of the trek around the Loop.

Officers, enlisted WAVES, SPARS, and Recruits in groups of three, headed by the Navy Pier Band - were an impressive sight to spectators and participants alike as they marched in perfect rhythm to the LaSalle St. Station, embarkation point for the "boots". The parade was a climax to a huge recruiting drive in Chicago, and thanks to Chief Hamilton, drill master, Great Lakes WAVES acquitted themselves creditably.

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WE'VE BEEN THINKING

The tropical worsted and shantung summer uniform samples seen at the Officers' Dinner Meeting, March 29, will minimize the pressing problem..... If you have any transportation problems, ask Ensign Dorothy Ell. She is assisting Lieutenant Childs being assigned temporarily to the Chicago office.

Bureau of Naval Personnel  
Navy Department  
Office of Naval Officer Procurement  
Chicago, Illinois

March 26, 1943.

My dear Admiral Downes:

Please accept my sincere thanks for releasing the WAVES to participate in the parade in Chicago.

The parade was one of the most important projects of the present campaign for recruiting WAVES and SPARS. It would have been impossible to stage it without the cooperation of the WAVES in your command.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ E. S. Root  
Captain USN (Ret.)  
Director

## SKIMMING THE SURF

When asked his destination, a male officer, who had just been detached, last week quipped:

"I'm going to relieve a WAVE or active duty."

And that we'd say almost par with the stock retort of Communication WAVES, who while in training at Northampton, are weighed down with cautions to "guard security." To inquisitive ones who asked what they are being trained for, WAVES reply:

"For hostesses on Battleships."

"Man WAVES" have long suffered confusion with doormen, policemen, etc.

But now Mainbocher's Havelocks, which give WAVES a very foreign-Legionish look on rainy days, take the "spotlight" when it comes to tales of public bewilderment.

The other day a six-year-old, seeing two havelocked-creatures board the North Shore Tooner-ville trolley, piped up with:

"Look, Mummy, Nuns!"



Then there was the Milwaukee department store floorwalker who confronted two shrouded WAVES with:

"Pardon me, but would you please tell me to what order you belong?"

MOST DISCONCERTING it is:

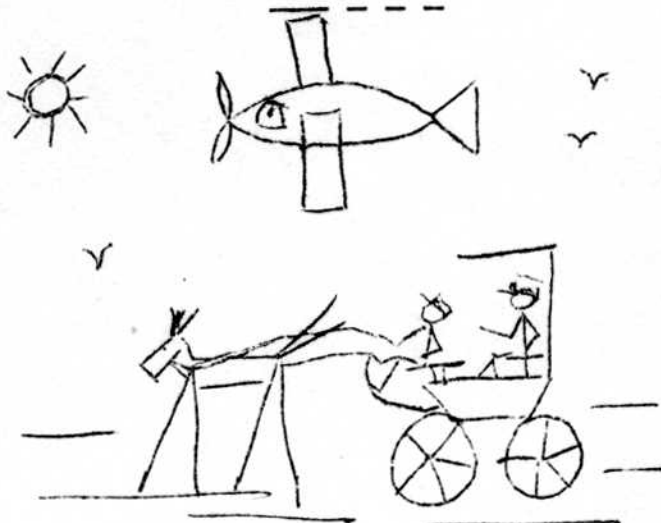
To confront the Admiral in his car, while traipsing along with ice cream sundaes ("take-outs") in your hands.



To overhear two civilians cogitate as to how you would look "in street clothes."

"Skybirds" at the Waukegan airport include Ensign Irene Lyons, who shortly will be soloing.

Just an Old-Fashioned Girl in an Ultra-Modern World: By plane Ensign Beverly Baker went last weekend to New York to ride in a hansom cab around Central Park--all in 48 hours.



TRENDS OF THE TIME: flipping for gas masks instead of cokes.



## KIMMING THE SURF (continued)

If you were butterless last week, consider the folly of Ensign Margaret Crankshaw. She went shopping, so the story goes, for a quarter of a pound of butter on March 20. To one store she went and then to another, and much disgusted was she because clerks at both refused to sell such a mere trifle.

"A pound or nothing," said they.

So, triumphal, indeed, felt she when she came upon a naval officer who agreed to buy three-quarters of a pound, so she could get her quarter.

The next day...well, you know what!

As loudly as the recruits whistled in" Josephine Antoine, so do the WAVES cheer Lt. Comdr. Peabody for his time and effort in transforming WAVES into songsters.

The WAVES DRILL is your activity - do your share to make it interesting and valuable. The Advisory Council wants to use all the talents of WAVES, so don't hesitate to come forth with your ideas and talents. Your suggestions are needed.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

The WAVES Training School at Cedar Falls, Iowa is to be a Yeoman's School?

Approximately 1,000 trainees will report for training at Iowa in April?

The two other WR schools training yeomen are Oklahoma A. and M., Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville, Georgia?

Enlisted SPARS are called W-10's; enlisted MARINES, 6-B?

## "GANGWAY"

Newest addition to the WAVE officer roster is Lt. (jg) Dorothy Quinn of New York City. Miss Quinn, who was formerly with the Roger Smith Hotel Corporation, is assigned to the Commissary department. Her home address these days is the W.O.Q., Exmoor Country Club.

## IT'S BEEN DONE AGAIN

Up the ladder of Naval goes advancement Nell Ranich. She's now Y2c, having left her third class rating behind her.

## THE COMMISSARY GOES TO CHOW

Guests at the presentation of the Army-Navy "E" award to the Edison General Electric Appliance Company in Cicero, Monday, were Lt. (jg) Dorothy Quinn, and Ensigns Sally Stapleton and Ruth Reed of the Commissary Department.

The trio was entertained at a luncheon at the Core Plant preceding the award.

## BUY WAR BONDS

All enlisted WAVES will be indoctrinated at Hunter College in New York?

Hunter College did have two full regiments and by now probably has three?

Hunter has an enrollment of approximately 6,000; and this will probably increase shortly to 10,000?

Iowa has been a successful Boot Camp indoctrinating more than 3,000 women trainees?

## BAUM BARRACKS BY-LINES

WAVES from Great Lakes and Chicago were honored by being well represented in the color guard which preceded Madame Chiang Kai-Shek's appearance before an audience of 15,000 at the Chicago Stadium March 22. The color guard was formed by women in the service of Uncle Sam. Amid the strains of "Anchors Aweigh" and "The Caissons Go Rolling Along", the WAVES marched side by side with their "Allies", the WACS, each bearing with pride and the finest military dignity a flag of one of the Allied Nations. Led by officers of both organizations, the women marched down the center of the floor, deposited their flags on stands on either side of the huge platform, did a smart "about face" and marched off to take their places as a unit in the audience. Lieutenant Mary Dailey was seated on the platform.

## Winnie Waves



Times Keeping in step is a full time job

A WAVE and a sailor in the same family is becoming a common thing. Last week when Storekeeper Mary Nagley went home for a short visit, her brother, Rance, just out of "boots" went home with her. This weekend, Mrs. Parsons will welcome home her Storekeeper daughter, Beatrice, and her S2c son, Henry, likewise just out of boots. How's that for keeping in the family and in the Navy at the same time?

On Sunday, March 28, an Open House was held at the USO Center in Highland Park. There to greet guests, as a part of the reception committee, were several girls from Baum House.

Ward "D", the WAVE ward, now has women "corpsmen" taking care of our WAVES. The Misses LaVoy and Williams are still hospitalized and Jane Mulligan will be discharged to duty next week. A Speedy Recovery wish from us to you!

Fort Sheridan's WACS make splendid hostesses. Ask Wilma Kalinay and Mary Ann Tillis about it, and they'll tell you they were royally entertained by Corporal Virginia Lyon last Sunday March 21, as her dinner guests at Fort Sheridan. After dinner, they attended a concert given by the post band, and were shown around the famous fort.

### On The Beam

Because the Feminine Navy wears hats many-a-time where and when men don't, saluting has had complications.

But as time and the WAVES march on, those complications have been fairly well ironed out and definite saluting practices established.

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The salute is a form of military courtesy. Check yourself against the following list. Do you ever fail to:

Stand at attention when addressing or when being addressed by a senior?

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Salute--(if covered and in a place where a man customarily wears his hat) when first addressed, and again upon the conclusion of the orders or conversation?

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Salute--when covered and you meet a senior officer in the corridor?

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Stand at attention, saluting the Admiral's car--(identified by the blue flag with two white stars) when it passes?

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Salute--when you leave an officer who has given you a lift in his car?

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"Nothing gives a better indication of the state of discipline than the observance of the forms of military courtesy.

"From time immemorial the salute has been a form of military courtesy that has been strictly and conscientiously observed by men of every nationality who follow the profession of arms."....  
The Bluejackets' Manual

### Good News For The Sick

Springing a surprise on the U.S. Naval Hospital, 29 WAVE hospital apprentices came aboard March 21.

The group, traveling under escort of Ensign Mary Talbot of Hunter College, was met in Chicago by Ensign R. Cruise of the enlisted personnel office; barracked temporarily in one of the wards at the Hospital; and on Monday with hospital gowns over their Navy Blue (the uniform problem is still in the problem stage) began classroom work in the Hospital's Nursing School.

Their four-weeks' course will include training in bed-making and bed baths; reading of temperature, pulse and respiration; routine administration of hypodermics; lectures on eye, ear, nose and throat; dietetics; pre- and post-operative care.

Upon completion of their studies, they will be assigned to various wards to carry on duties as hospital corpsmen.

This first contingent is expected to be followed by others, at a rate of fifty WAVES a month. A new two-story barracks for future corpsmen is now under construction on the Hospital Corps School grounds.

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### HEAVENLY DAY

Top-ranking invitation of the moment: That extended by the Variety Club of Chicago to seven Great Lakes WAVES to attend it's WAVES-SPARS-MARINES party Sunday. The guests are to meet dates at the Columbia Broadcasting Studio...from there to the Theater and then to the Blackstone Hotel for dinner.



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Convention Speaker

Headline speaker at the  
national convention of the Blue  
Star Mothers Club in Detroit  
last week was Lt. (jg) Nancy  
Forsman. While in Detroit, she  
also visited naval activities  
at which WAVES are stationed--  
Grosse Ile Air Station and the  
Ordnance Plant at Center Line,  
Michigan.

They Gave NATTC The Once-Over

Eight WAVES from Great Lakes  
last week made an inspection of  
the Naval Air Technical Train-  
ing Center at 87th and Anthony  
Avenue in Chicago, and studied  
methods of war machinists whose  
places will soon be filled by  
WAVES. In the group were E. A.  
Scully, Mary Nagley, Dorothy  
Ullrich, Henrietta Przymus,  
Lillian Lipsker, Nell Ranich,  
Ethelreda Whelan and La Vina  
Fowell.

Extra-Curricular

Because the Navy wants them  
strong and healthy, and they  
want fun--Yoemen and Store-  
keepers are "gymming" it these  
days at the Lake Forest Y.W.C.A.  
every Wednesday night from 1930  
to 2100. Eleven girls have  
signed for the gym class and the  
roster is expected to grow.

It simply isn't done in  
WAVES uniform---gum chewing.

Among things which  
vanished from WAVES' lives  
when they entered the service--  
bonnets worn at jaunty tilts.  
Mainbocher designed the WAVE  
hat to be set squarely on the  
cranium, and not on an angle.

FEATHERNECKS?

We've read that the lady  
Marines were not going to have  
a nickname and we said wisely,  
"That's what they think"....  
But what did we hear in  
Chicago about the "Feather-  
necks"?

WAVES, SPARS and MARINES  
are all trained in the same  
school.

ARE YOU A GOOD SAILOR?

Well--what is meant by the  
following?

Hatchway  
Hawse pipes  
The magazine  
Capstan  
Caulking  
Sea ladder  
Forecastle  
Charlie Noble  
Scupper  
Stanchion  
Bulwarks  
Keel  
Coaming  
Horseing  
Paying  
Fidley  
Lash and carry  
Worm, parcel and serve  
Splice the main brace  
Barbette

BUY WAR BONDS